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Restriction Requirement

Claims 1-20 were restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

I. Claims 1-12 are said to be drawn to an adhesive comprising an alkyl acrylate, optionally a comonomer, and a core-shell polymer or semi-crystalline polymer, classified in Class 525, subclass 308;

II. Claims 13-20 are said to be drawn to an adhesive comprising an alkyl acrylate, optionally a comonomer, and a chain transfer agent, classified in Class 526, subclass 328;

Election

In response, Applicants elect Group I, with traverse.

Reconsideration and withdrawal or modification of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that the Groups I and II claims are so interrelated that a search of one group of claims will reveal art to the other. Moreover, the classification of Groups I and II claims in different classes and subclasses is not sufficient grounds to require restriction.

Election of Species

The Examiner required an election within the following patentably distinct species contingent upon the election of Group I:

(b) the presence or absence of the comonomer, wherein if its presence is elected, a particular species is identified;

(c) a core-shell polymer or semi-crystalline polymer wherein a particular species thereof is identified;

(d) the presence or absence of the electrically conductive material of claim 9 and 10, or claim 16 and 17, wherein if its presence is elected, a particular species is identified; and

(e) the presence or absence of the thermally conductive material of claim 11 or 18, wherein if its presence is elected, a particular species is identified.

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Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the species of:

- (b) the absence of the comonomer;
- (c) a core-shell polymer;
- (d) the absence of the electrically conductive material; and
- (e) the absence of the thermally conductive material.

With respect to item (c), Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse methacrylate/butadiene/styrene core-shell polymer, as described, for example, at page 46, line 3; and claim 4.

Claims 1-4 are believed to be generic to this species.

Conclusion

Applicants have elected Group I, with traverse. Continued prosecution of this application is respectfully requested.

The foregoing is intended to be fully responsive to the Examiner's restriction requirement and election of species. If any questions or issues remain, the resolution of which the Examiner feels would be advanced by a conference with applicant's attorney, he is invited to contact such attorney at the telephone number noted below.

Respectfully submitted,

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